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KUWAIT ANNOUNCES MINORITY REBUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

WASHINGTON, DC — The Government of Kuwait has formally expressed its commitment to ensure that minority business enterprises in the United States will be able to actively participate in the rebuilding of war-torn Kuwait, according to the Commerce Department's Minority Business Development Agency.

MBDA Director Joe Lira said the action represents "the first giant step to ensure that U.S. minority businesses have a fair and equitable opportunity to assist in the reconstruction of Kuwait." This level of commitment by Kuwait indicates that the efforts of MBDA's Gulf Reconstruction Task Force are generating positive results, "Lira said.

MBDA's Gulf Reconstruction Task Force was established to promote business opportunities for American minority firms in the Persian Gulf. The Gulf Reconstruction Task Force provides minority firms with regular updates on key business contacts and Gulf-reconstruction opportunities. This information is then forwarded to MBDA's regional and district offices, as well as the agency's nationwide network of more than 107 Minority Business Development Centers to facilitate minority business participation in Gulf reconstruction efforts. MBDA's Gulf Reconstruction Task Force has telephone number (202) 377-1962.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO MEDIATE PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Human Relations Commission, which has organized the Martin Luther King Jr. week celebration in recent years, now has another way of promoting harmony.

The mayor, Harold Mitchell, has requested that the commission mediate a series of public hearings on police and public relations.

The chairman of the commission, Dan Morgan said that through the hearings he hopes the commission can address the public's concerns as well as start a positive dialogue between the law enforcement department and the citizenry. The commission also will set out to educate the public of the different channels available to them if they feel the local authorities are not giving them enough information.

Morgan said that there is a misconception that the commission was just set up because of the recent incidents involving the public and the department. One of the purposes of the commission has always been to promote racial harmony, with events such as MLK week and other programs. We have been around for a long time."

The group consists of volunteers who are not on the city's payroll, who just want to be involved in the community and want to help make Plainfield a

D'Alessio's 'vendetta' unlawful, say cops

by Ronald Strothers

NEWARK — Essex County Executive Thomas D'Alessio is waging an illegal "vendetta" to effectively abolish the Essex County Police Department (ECPD), claim some of its members who are protesting the recent actions of the County Executive.

The protesters claim D'Alessio's actions are unlawful because, statutorily, the County Executive has no jurisdiction over the Essex County Police Department.

Should the official succeed in his plan to discharge 100 ECPD officers by May 10 and combine the remainder of whom would be a severely depleted force, it will be caught in the guillotine. The fourth is expected to suffer the same fate if the campaign the ECPD says

partment would no longer exist, say the policemen.

Twenty-two officers have already been let go, with controversy surrounding the firings because 12 received written notice nine days before termination, in violation of the 45 day requirement. A civil suit has been filed on their behalf in Superior Court.

Adding to the conflict is the species of racism which, combined with the political football being played, would strike a mortal blow to the minorities on the force.

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D'Alessio is waging prevails.

D'Alessio has defended his plan with the claim that the ECPD is an unnecessary budgetary burden since the department duplicates the efforts of the Sheriff's Department. Not so, says the ECPD.

Richard Koonitz, a black senior member of the ECPD, explained the Sheriff's Department has three duties: transporting prisoners, maintaining order in Essex County Courts, and serving subpoenas.

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"Contractually speaking," said Koonitz, "the Sheriff's Department consists of 9-to-5 and weekends off."

The Superior Officer also said the Bureau of Narcotics, which is overseen by the Sheriff's Department and works the same hours, is thereof handled by the Sheriff attempting to perform its duty immediately as nights and weekends constitute prime time in drug trafficking.

The job description for the

Sheriff's Department, says Koonitz, clearly differs from the duties of county policemen, whose job is to patrol county parks, properties and buildings and assist other law enforcement agencies as needed.

Battle lines have been drawn and one group solidly in support of the ECPD is Local 54 of the Policemen's Benevolent Association.

In a 3-page letter dated March 26 to Prosecutor Herbert Tate asking him to assume the daily supervi-

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Morheuser takes QEA battle to Plainfield

by Denise M. Germanin

PLAINFIELD — A long-time advocate of quality education for the urban poor, presented her views of the Quality Education Act, last Monday evening at the Plainfield Public Library.

Marilyn Morheuser, who is often referred to as the "best friend" of New Jersey's children has dealt with the question of quality education since February of 1989.

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was that "A thorough and efficient education requires such

level of education as will enable

all students to function as citizens

and workers in the same society,

and that necessarily means that in

poorer urban districts something

more must be added to the regular

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ORANGE — Mayor Robert L. Brown of Orange joins Mayor David N. Dinkins of New York at a press conference, Wednesday April 3, 1991 announcing the addition of ten U.S. cities to the 1990 census against the Department of Commerce calling for a statistical adjustment in the 1990 Census count thus bringing the list of plaintiffs to 23.

Experts project some five million people have been undercounted with the last census report. It is estimated that some 50% of the five million have been African American. Some describe last census as the worst in history. This undercount will result in a loss of political clout for rural areas and will result in a double whammy for cities like Orange with in the next ten years as well as the loss of political representation with in various voting districts.

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results in millions of uncounted black votes and millions of dollars in federal funding lost," commented Mayor Brown during

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Speaking out on the census are Mayors Michael Steel of Irvington, Mayor David Dinkins of New York and Mayor Robert Brown of Orange

Black women now fastest growing group in politics according to Joint Center research

Annual dinner salutes black women in politics
Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon delivers keynote

WASHINGTON, DC — In electoral politics, black women now constitute the fastest-growing group, according to information compiled over the past two decades by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

The researchers say two decades in the number of black winning election to public office is a real success story," said the Joint Center's president Eddie N. Williams. An even bigger success story is the rising level of achievement among black women in politics."

The achievements of black women in winning elective office was the focus of the Joint Center's salute to black women in politics at its annual dinner on April 9, 1991. Two of the nation's most prominent black women figures were featured on the program.

D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon delivered the keynote address, and Congresswoman Cardiss Collins (D-Ill.), the dean of the women's contingent in the Congressional Black Caucus, offered greetings and remarks.

"The election of mayors Sharon Pratt Dixon in Washington, DC, and Carrie Petty in Hartford has brought black women into the

arena of big city leadership. These and other highly visible accomplishments are the leading edge of advances being won by black women at all levels of politics," said Williams.

Since 1970, the overall number of blacks elected to local, county, state, and congressional offices has increased nearly fivefold. During this same period, the number of black women holding elective office has multiplied by 15, from 131 to 1950 officials. Thus, women have not only increased their numbers, they have also increased their share of political offices held. In 1970, only one out of every 12 black elected officials was a woman; today one out of four is a woman.

In 1970, there were only 131 black women holding any kind of elective office; today, there are almost that many — 115 — in state legislatures. In 1976, there were just 38. As of early 1990, that figure had grown to 96 — 78 state house or assembly members and 18 senators. And the numbers are still

growing: in the 1990 elections, 33

of the 70 blacks newly elected to state legislatures were women.

The growth in political officeholding among black women is likely to continue in the foreseeable future, according to the Joint Center, because of two factors: more black women are moving into politics and more are moving up within the political structure.

Women now hold about 27 percent of all BBO's holding positions on school boards, which are traditionally "entry-level" political positions. It is likely, therefore, that many of these women will move up to higher levels of office over time.

Black women also are developing stronger, more influential bases on which to build their political careers. More black women are moving into positions of greater influence within the elected bodies on which they serve. In California, for example, Assemblywoman Diana Watson and Assemblyman Gwendolyn Moore chair the committees on Health and Human Services and on Utilities and Commerce, respectively. In Alabama, the chair of the Committee on the Constitution and Elections is State Representative

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Sacrifice, struggle and new era for Haiti

by Owen McKinney & Leita McDowell (INPA News Service)

WASHINGTON, DC — "Our people are hungry for participation; hungry for justice. We have dearly paid the price for both with our blood."

That passionate message was delivered recently by Father Antoine Adrien, a leader of the Haitian movement which swept into power in 1986.

Adrien, a popular priest and grassroots activist, ended three decades of brutal dictatorship rule in the world's oldest Black republic.

Adrien, who is quick to point

out that he is a private citizen, played an active role in the movement which was supported by the poor, grassroots and forgotten sectors of the Haitian people.

Adrien, a Catholic priest and close advisor to Haiti's new president, Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide, visited the United States re-

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CITY PEOPLE



March Incentive Award winners receive \$250 each for their outstanding civic involvement and accomplishments: From left, Mayor Sharpe James; Carl Hazel; PTA president at Lincoln Street School; Carissa Ramon, honor student at Maple Avenue Annex; Gene McCoy, volunteer; and Vera Davis, Community Food Bank volunteer.



City of Newark Police Director Claude Coleman and City Clerk, Robert Marasco shown with three officers who were recently sworn in to the Newark Police Department. From left: Officer Joseph Juliano, Officer Brian Johnson, Officer Anthony Iannello, Coleman, and Marasco.

Career Development Seminar

IRVINGTON — Automated Management Service presents the "New Life Concepts Series" of Workshops. Seminars and Free Workshops will be held on April 23. These will be held in the Gold Room at Irvington Manor 43 Washington Avenue, Irvington from 7-9 p.m.

The main lecture will be given by professionals who possess an extensive knowledge and background in all areas of life.

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ture. There will be a special lecture on "Financial Planning and Community Wealth" headed by New York Beverly DeLoach, Multi-level Marketing Specialist. Also included in the clinic are vendors from the Metropolitan Area: discounts will be offered by several vendors.

For further information or to purchase a ticket contact Linda Onyekwelu at 705-9550 between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Deadline for all vendors or organizations who want to participate is April 18, 1991.



HONOR A HERO! Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. U.S.A.F. (Ret.), National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB) Lifetime Achievement Awardee, second from left, joins supporters during the awards dinner reception at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. With him are, from left, George Nixon III, Vice President, Public Affairs, Phillip Morris Company, Inc.; William F. Hawkins, President, President's Council on Program and Essence Communications; Augustus F. Hawkins, recently retired U.S. Representative from Los Angeles and the Hon. Percy Sutton, former Chairman, Inner City Broadcasting. Davis commanded the heroic 332nd Fighter Group — the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II and later became the first Black to become a General in the U.S. Air Force. An association of 200 Black-owned radio and television stations, NABOB also honored: Sutton, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA); retired U.S. Rep. Augustus F. Hawkins; Ms. Suzanne de Passer; Tom Draper and A. G. Gaston.



A smiling Sergeant Ronda Butler with her daughter, Ashley, was recently welcomed home from the Persian Gulf by Newark Mayor Sharpe James. Butler, a Sergeant in the United States Airforce was presented with the Distinguished Citizens Award and a key to the city by the Mayor. Butler is trained in Nuclear Biological Chemical Warfare which involves operating chemical equipment, administering antidotes, and handling national disasters. Butler will be returning to California where she is currently stationed.

photo by Pam O'Brien

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NEW BRUNSWICK—17th Annual New Jersey Folk Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Eagleton Institute Lawn, George Street, Haddon American culture highlighted.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Board of Education Public Hearing and Adoption of 1991-92 Budget

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

PLAINFIELD—Infant care classes at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Randolph Road and Park Avenue, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For information call 908-566-2333.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

ENGLEWOOD—The African American Doll Club of New York and New Jersey will host its annual Leila Love and Toy Museum and Luncheon at Sylvia's Restaurant in New York. Depart Englewood Public Library, Fee \$30. For information call 201-558-4709.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

JERSEY CITY—"Heaven's Above" workshop sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Science, Technology and Learning and Liberty Science Center is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for teachers and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hoboken Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

MILLBURN—Cancer Care will host its Third Annual Gala "Festival of Distinction" at Sheraton Tara Parsippany. For more information call 201-379-7500.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

MILLBURN—Thrift and Consignment Sale of Juniors, Ladies, Men's, Children's and Shoe Hills is having an "End of Spring" Bric-a-Brac Sale * 5-30 p.m., 195 Main Street, Sale is also on 26 and 27. For information call 376-0048.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

MORRISTOWN—Animals, It's Their World—Trot a three day conference at Headquarters Plaza Hotel. For information call 201-927-5511.

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by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

I Dig You, Baby'

A Conversation:

Him: "Hiya doin', baby? My name's Bill. What's your name?"

Her: "That's none of your business."

Him: "Why you want to act like that? I was just trying to be nice."

Her: "I saw you over there staring at me. You act just like some phone playboy. You probably approach every woman the same way that you approached me. I don't appreciate it."

"O.K. I apologize but I figured that you were kind of stand-offish and I didn't know exactly what you wanted. I figured that you wanted somebody who was 'hot' and 'hip.' That's why I came on the way I did. I'm really just a plain guy."

"I prefer men who are gentle and who know how to greet a woman."

"I know what you mean, but how could I get meet you, if I didn't use a strong approach. You were acting like you didn't want to be bothered."

"I was, if I acted aggressive you would have played a game with me. You would have thought that I was hard-off and was looking for a man."

"But, baby, you probably are looking for a man just like I'm looking for a lady. If we keep playing these games, we never will meet anybody."

"Yeah, and if we don't play these games, other people will take us for granted and will think that we are too plain or that we are a bore."

"Let's be honest, neither one of us is really being our real selves. We are acting. Playing a role."

"Since you initiated it, I'll just be honest. I am actually a warm, loving lady who has been hurt many times. I really am afraid to let men know how soft I really am, or what I truly want in a man."

a man."

"Why?"

"Because no man wants a woman who is too nice or too easy to get."

"What kind of man do you want?"

"I want a man who is gentle, and sweet, and quiet. I don't want a playboy who is just going to go after every woman he sees. Tell me about yourself. What kind of woman do you want?"

"I am actually kind of shy, but I try to hide my shyness by acting like a big time playboy. It is all a big act. A game, a shy, quiet, sweet woman. I don't want a woman who is going to come on me. But no woman wants a shy man."

"That's not true. Every woman friend of mine wants a quiet, sweet man. But every man tries to come on like a playboy. You are right, though, when you say that no woman wants a man who makes you think that no other woman wants him. A woman gets excited, if she knows other women are looking at her."

"I can't be too aggressive because she will basically feel the same way but will play games with each other. I don't want a woman who acts like no other man wants her. On the other hand, no man wants a woman who is so outgoing that she acts like she wants to go to bed with every man she sees."

"We can't be too aggressive and we can't be too shy. What can we be?"

"We can be ourselves with each other. This time, let's not play games with each other. I like what you did say your name is."

READERS: If you would like to receive information that will show how to make your relationship work, send a stamped, self-addressed, legal size envelope to me at P.O. Box 30197, Washington, DC 20004. Let Dr. Faulkner know that you read his column weekly in CITY NEWS.

PLAINFIELD—Super Spring Rummage Sale, United Church of Christ at 7th & Madison from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fill a bag for \$3. For more information call 754-9389.

NEW PROVIDENCE—Sharing is sponsoring annual PA Dutch Festival from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Held at New Providence Municipal Center, corner of Springfield Ave & Academy St. For information call 754-404-2466.

WAYNE—Author of "Leaving Through Keyhole" will speak at WPC's 17th annual symposium of the young child. Held in Science Hall 2004 A - 5 p.m. William Paterson College. For information call 201-595-2466.

UNION—Rich Gaspari Bodybuilding Classic at 7 p.m., Union High School. Information call 201-596-1360.

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P.A.C. points the way to change in South Africa

by Daniel Marolen

(NNPA) — Nelson Mandela's release from prison last year has not brought about change in South Africa. Rather, South Africa has been plunged into political complexity and confusion. Even the promised start of the constitutional negotiations in earnest in 1991 seems also to be a pipe dream. I am fast drawing to its end with no sign of the beginning of the promised constitutional negotiations between the African leaders and the regime of

President F.W. de Klerk.

The black-white negotiations for which Mandela was released to participate in have floundered, and an ominous hush prevails....

On March 21 at the United Nations, the U.N. Special Committee Against Apartheid commemorated the Sharpeville Massacre of 1960 in which 69 P.A.C. peaceful demonstrators were gunned down by the Police for protesting the "Pass Laws."

Speaking at the commemoration for P.A.C., S.E. Pheko, told the attendees, inter alia, that a negotiated settlement of the South

African racial problem would only be possible under the following conditions:

- There has to be majority rule.
- The land and natural resources have to be redistributed.
- A non-racial Constituent Assembly has to be established.
- South Africa has to be treated as a unitary state.

Proceeding, Pheko pointed out that it was anomalous that Whites, 13% of the population, have grabbed 83% of the country's land area, leaving only 13%

of the most arid parts to the blacks, who make up 80% of the country's population. "There is no way," Pheko said, "apartheid can be dismantled, and colonialism destroyed without redressing this economic imbalance."

Further, Pheko said, P.A.C. has also urged Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi to mediate, so that there can be peace among the oppressed (blacks). P.A.C., he said, has also made efforts for the formation of a United (Black) Patriotic Front of all organizations of the oppressed. He went on to stress that:

- Only Africans should be vehicles for change, not the regime.
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- The arms struggle must be encouraged as a political weapon.

"The dispossessed people," Pheko said, "must never exchange their land and usurped national sovereignty for mere release of political prisoners and exiles to a bigger called 'old' or 'new' South Africa."

Concerning the return and indemnity of prisoners and exiles, Pheko said emotionally, "The question of indemnity for political prisoners and exile: by a regime that has committed the

crime of apartheid and genocide, must be totally rejected. It is the dispossessed people of Azania who must consider indemnifying the perpetrators of the crime of apartheid against humanity, when apartheid has been dismantled and consigned to history."

Concluding, Pheko said, "Political prisoners and exiles can only be returned to a situation that has changed fundamentally and irreversibly, not to the same racist colonial situation they had left behind when they were sent to prison or exile for the liberation of their country."

Finally, on March 23, Benny Alexander, P.A.C.'s Secretary-General, stopped in New York City on his educational tour to Massachusetts University, to brief his colleagues on the latest development in South Africa. Benny Alexander underscored the point that Pheko had stressed to the U.N. two days earlier. Then he went on to say that P.A.C. currently was received in South Africa, and was establishing branches everywhere. He wondered why violence still continued after the Mandela-Buthelezi peace accord. He added that

P.A.C. would not be involved in violence. "Instead," he said, "we wrote to Botha, Mandela and their counterparts."

Referring to the economic sanctions against South Africa, Alexander said that they "must stay until there was irreversible change." He also noted that the impending conference of black organizations to form a Patriotic Front would be held in Harare, not Johannesburg, "for obvious reasons."

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sion of the ECPD, PBA President Timothy Smith made a number of complaints about D'Alessio.

One charge was that the Ex-members threatened to "destroy all members" of this department and their families.

On March 9 and 10 during St. Patrick's Day parades through Newark, Nutley, and West Orange, "Patrol units were removed from their patrol duties and ordered to participate in both parades," Smith also wrote.

Another citation by Smith accused D'Alessio of endangering the safety of the department's officers by placing them on solo foot patrol in high crime areas. Prior to D'Alessio's move, officers were dispatched to those areas by car in two-man teams.

While the conflict may be primarily a political and legal struggle, Koontz, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, and other men and women of color are particularly at odds with D'Alessio in light of the overwhelming African-American support given to the official.

"Sixteen of the 22 towns in Essex County voted against D'Alessio," Koontz said. "The predominantly black districts got him in."

Mayor James served as D'Alessio's campaign manager during the former Essex County Sheriff's successful bid to become County Executive.

Koontz also noted the non-committal posture of county Democratic Chairman, Ray Durkin, calling him "Silent Sam."

Koontz added, however, Black Area Citizens back ECPD's position as to the fate of Irvington, Orange, Verona, Newark and Bloomfield.

A 23-year veteran and member of the Shields of Honor and Batons police associations, Koontz said those townships know if the ECPD is dismantled, their duties would have to be performed by local police, who would be unable to assume the added workload.

Koontz is adamantly his argument against D'Alessio's claim the ECPD is a tax burden.

"He's doing this under the pretense he can save the taxpayers money," the sergeant said, and cited the financial success of the weight team on which he formerly served.

The weight team is a group of ECPD officers who investigate whether haulers exceed the maximum weight they are licensed to carry. Violators are assessed \$100 for every 1,000 pounds they are found to be over the limit.

There were 16 men on the team, which was divided into smaller units. Koontz disclosed that in 1987 his 4-man unit collected \$1,066,000, and sold off of an individual fine of \$7,500.

"That money went into the county coffers," he stated. The weight team has been slashed to three men and Koontz feels that is more evidence of a plot to undermine the necessity for having the ECPD.

Koontz challenged D'Alessio's claim that eliminating the department could save taxpayers \$3.4 million. Koontz said prior to "downsizing," revenues generated by the weight team nearly made the ECPD self-sufficient.

The ECPD, formerly the Park Police, was created in 1979, but without definite guidelines as to its role, Koontz said.

D'Alessio took office January 1 of this year.

Black women

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Bobbie McDowell, in Michigan, Revere, Teola Hunter is chair of the Economic Development and Energy Committee and speaker pro tempore of the state house.

Moreover, black women are further strengthening their political prospects by assuming greater power within their local and national party structures. In Texas, for example, black women are the Democratic National Committee and speaker pro tempore of the state house in eight districts.

Black women hold half of the seats on the black caucus of the Democratic National Committee and have thereby gained equal ac-

cess with black men to the levers of power within their national party. Thus, in their national party as well, black women are in a position to realize even greater advances in the future.

Williams concluded, "The improvements in political power by black women reflect their long-standing prominent role within the black community and their outstanding commitment to public service. As black Americans continue to expand their role in the nation's political mainstream, black women are becoming a highly visible and increasingly influential part of their leadership."

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YOUTH / EDUCATION/SUCCESS

CAN'T TOUCH THIS

Gang Starr's Street Ministry

by Terry Benjamin

Gang Starr, poet/rapper GURU (Keith Elam), beat and scratch expert DJ Premier (Chris Martin), believe that hip hop music can be more than another style or fad. Instead, these progressive social movement artists are accountable for the impact of their music and lyrics. They practice what they preach on "Step In The Arena," their debut recording on Chrysalis/Cooltempo records.

The lyrical vision of GURU (Gifted Unlimited Rhymes Universal) is influenced by his respect for the principals of Islam.

"I am more like a Muslim, paying to the East/North of my life relative rhyme. I release like a canon," GURU raps on "Who's Gonna Take The Weight?," a streetwise meditation that proves his funky wisdom:

Just imagine if: each one is teaching one

We'll come together so that we become

A strong force that we can stay on course

Find your direction thru introspection

And for my people out there I go out there

Can we be the sole controllers of our fate?

Now who's gonna take the weight?

The Gang Starr philosophy continues on "As I Read My S-A": "Paragraphs portraying my viewpoint/SO say attentive cause this is a new joint from the Gang with the info/lyrical elements emerge from the intro." "Say Your Prayers," "Form Of Intellect," "Street Ministry" are lyrical revelations that ride over complex beats constructed from R & B and jazz samples by DJ Premier. Brooklyn native and former student at Penn's View A&M University, DJ Premier has earned the respect of hip hop

But I'll take the road less traveled
So I can see my hopes and my dreams unravel
Relieving your stress, expressing my interest
In the situation that you're facing
That's why I'm down with the nation
Spiritually supports reality
We got to fight with the right mentality

Gang Starr
Who's Gonna Take The Weight?



Mayor James proclaims 'Anthony Avent Day'



Mayor Sharpe James recently honored Anthony Avent for his outstanding play in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, and stellar career as a student-athlete for Salom Hall University, by proclaiming "Anthony Avent Day" in the City of Newark. An alumnus of Malcolm X. Shabazz (MXS) High School in Newark, the senior center for the Salom Hall Pirates led the team in rebounding and was one of the top scorers. Joined by his mother, Annie Perkins-Avent, Mayor James, also a MXS alumnus, presented the proclamation to the basketball star during a short ceremony in his office.

photograph by William Ramey

partment, Seton Hall University, attended the ceremony.

The Mayor, also a Malcolm X. Shabazz (then called South Side) alumnus said, "Anthony Avent is a role model for youngsters in the City of Newark. His hard work and fine attitude Anthony has displayed proves to urban children from Newark and across the country that their goals are within reach. He is living proof that you can overcome obstacles and achieve in the athletic arena, but most importantly, in the classroom."

Avent is now considered to be a possible first-round pick in the upcoming NBA draft.

Throughout the past season and NCAAA tournament, Avent was Seton Hall's leading rebounder and one of the team's top scorers. The senior center averaged 11.5 points and five rebounds per game in the second-round, All-Big East Conference squad and first-round, All-Big East Tournament team.

Sprite Sweepstakes Winner



LOS ANGELES—As a winner of the National Sprite Soul Train Sweepstakes, Aliya Carmichael of Hillside, NJ will be traveling to the city of Los Angeles to meet the more than 50 lucky consumers who attended the 20th annual Soul Train Music Awards Show in Los Angeles.

The winners, honored top recorders in the genres of rhythm and blues, jazz, gospel, and rap music over the past year, Hosts for this year's show were Patti LaBelle, Dionne Warwick and Luther Vandross.

As a winner in an all-expenses paid trip, Patti also attended a special winners' reception hosted by Grammy-nominated and 1991 Soul Train Music Award winning recording artists En Vogue.

The sweepstakes winner also attended a taping of The Arsenio Hall Show.

PHS Law & Political Action Class dominate leadership positions Model Congress

by Allya Carmichael

Chair hon.

Accompanied by Mr. Pannone and Mr. Marsh, P.H.S. social science teachers, the students were successful in passing a majority of their proposed bills. Three of the bills made it to full house, and two of them passed. The two passing bills were proposed by Juniors Allya Carmichael and Vaughn Woodard. Ms. Carmichael's bill was to recycle medications drug centers to fund narcotic rehabilitation centers in the communities in which the drugs were found. Mr. Woodard's bill was to prohibit government intervention in the sale of music with sexually explicit lyrics.

Mr. Barc's bill, proposing an independent nation for African-Americans aroused widespread interest and controversy; however, it did not pass out of committee.

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Old Business:

Answers to the April 10, 1991 P.T.'s Clubhouse

WORD SCRABBLE

> fish, chicken, bread, eggs, milk, beans, rice, meat

New that spring is here and the days are longer, it's time to get outdoors and get active! There is a lot to do outdoors. You can raise the grass, plant flowers, walk the dog, and a lot of other fun things. Ask a parent to call you to go on a walk or a bike ride. They often offer team competitions and after school activities that might include nature hikes, swimming, tennis, soccer, football, basketball and other fun stuff! Have fun with friends. Try bike riding or jumping rope. You can also start your own neighborhood competitions. Remember to be cautious and enjoy more of the spring.

Yes
Are you excited about success?

PT's clubhouse

Exercise, exercise, exercise!

In the word search below, find 10 words that describe different ways to exercise.

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bicycle, jog, skate, walk, tennis, basketball, swim, football, soccer, jump rope,

Plainfield students perform at Ryan White convention

PLAINFIELD — On Friday, February 22, 1991, Plainfield area students, along with rapper/comedian Dave Street, traveled to the Diplomat Hotel in Atlantic City, where they performed at the first annual Ryan White convention for Young, heroic and heroic's.

The convention, which honored outstanding high school and college achievers, was in memory of the late Ryan White, who contracted the AIDS virus from a medical blood transfusion and received national celebrity media publicity when he successfully fought for his right to go to school and attend classes with other students. It was organized by South Jersey radio personality Shelly Sharp and featured a number of leading educational speakers as well as Ryan's mother.

The Plainfield area contingent performed Mr. Street's heralded pro-education rap, "Education Is The Salvation (Substitute Teacher Rap)," written by himself, Ryche Chianda and Lou Frezza. Street who also

works as a substitute teacher in the Plainfield School District, acted out the part of a sub as well as lip synching the words while the students help dramatize the tune as well as singing the "Save Our Schools" introduction and doing a special dance number at the end.

Plainfield High School students who performed, represented the School Based Youth Service program. The program offers extra curricular activities for young people in the community. They included sisters Rashida and Dara Govan, Albert Mills, Jr., Kidar Twine and Malcolm Bailey.

Elementary school students who participated included Kendra Hill of Cedar Brook School in Plainfield and sisters Nicole and Heather DiBiase, Lisa Christensen and Juliette Falocco of Ryche School in South Plainfield.

Aside from doing their featured song, Twine and Bailey formed live their own amateur rap group, the Govan Sisters did a spotlight dance number and Mr. Street previewed his new envi-

ronmental rap song and talked about his positive experience working in the Plainfield School System. Discussing what he has learned about education as a result of his experiences and the advantages of having a school

based program, which helped sponsor the trip.

The group is going to make their national TV debut this

Spring on "Dance Party USA" on the USA national cable network.

Plan now for 4-H Summer Camp

James Nicchandowski, Union County 4-H Agent, invites all Union County boys and girls, ages 9-12, to attend 4-H Summer Camp. 4-H Camp is located in Sussex County and will be held from July 15-20, 1991. The cost for lodging, meals and transportation is \$140.

At camp, children will have the opportunity to learn about nature in hands-on programs, take swimming and boating lessons, learn to cook, try new types of crafts, and become involved in the experience of living away from home for one week.

The 4-H camping program is

outdoor education at its best. The camp features lots of indoor bathrooms and showers and is sanctioned by Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the New Jersey Camp Safety Act.

A camp brochure and application form may be obtained from the Union County 4-H office, County Administration & Service Building, 300 North Avenue, East, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 or by calling 908-654-9854.

The 4-H program is the youth phase of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, an educational arm of Cook College, Rutgers University.

For more information, contact the Union County 4-H office at 908-654-9854.

**RELIGIOUS
CALENDAR**

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest preliminaries at First Church of God in Christ in Queens. For information call 212-527-8800.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

NEWARK—Fourteenth Annual Women's Day Celebration. Sponsored by Women of Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, 11 a.m. 15th Street. For more information call 461-6142.

SUMMIT—First Unitarian Society will hold "Voices for Peace" services at 4 p.m., 4 Waldron Avenue. For information call 756-0750.

PLAINFIELD—Earth Sunday, a presentation by Religious Education classes and Sunday Committees. Worship service at 10:30 a.m. First Unitarian Church, 724 Park Avenue. For information call 756-0750.

University Glee Club gives benefit concert in Plainfield

PLAINFIELD — On Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m. Habitat For Humanity of Greater Plainfield will present The University Glee Club Of New Jersey City's benefit concert of sacred songs and spirituals at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watertown Avenue, Plainfield. Donation \$10. Information 654-4494 or 754-0078. The UGC, a 170-member, all-male group was founded nearly a century ago in 1894 and is dedicated to male voice singing of the highest excellence. They have a unique and enthusiastic approach to traditional glee club singing and their repertoire includes a wide variety of music from traditional college songs, glee and classics, to spirituals, sea-chants and show tune. With their rich history of performances in the finest concert

by Larry A. Still

(NNPA) — Representatives of the predominantly white United Methodist Church and three major black Methodist denominations have taken definite steps to strengthen their ties by committing to authorizing a joint commission to study possible union of all the churches, officials announced recently.

Meeting at St. Simons Island, Ga., recently near a memorial to John Wesley, the founder of American methodism, approximately 30 bishops representing the U.M., the African Methodist Episcopal (AME), the African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AMEZ), and the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME)

churches approved a resolution requesting that the top religious prelates "petition their respective General Conferences to authorize a study commission for the purpose of exploring possible merger," Nancy Willis of the United Methodist News Service reported.

"New forms of relationships, mission structures and possible merger... in a world torn by such evils as injustice and racism" were cited as goals of the study. The commission to be composed of five representatives from each denomination, "would be mandated to make regular progress reports of each denomination and to prepare a proposal for each General Conference no later than

1996," Willis said.

Three of the denominations will meet in 1992 and the CME's in 1994. Two of the black organizations, the AMEZ's and the CME's have already agreed to a merger. The AMEZ's have about 3.2 million members and the CME's have 700,000. The AME's have approximately 2.2 million members and the United Methodist has 8.9 million, while nearly 360,000 are black members, said Ms. Willis.

The four denominations have committed themselves in their Methodist Episcopal Church, from which the predominantly black groups split over racial issues, according to Willis. During the meeting of bishops representing all the denominations, last March 21,

AMEZ Bishop Ruben L. Speaks, Salisbury, NC, presented the idea of appointing a commission "to plan steps to organic unity." Following Speaks' remarks, United Methodist Bishop David Lawson, Sun Prairie, WI, called for a move toward merger.

With further encouragement from retired United Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews Washington, DC, the group moved immediately to appoint a committee to draft such a resolution which was adopted. Members included Speaks, AMEZ Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard, Washington, DC; CME Bishops Othal L. Hake, Cincinnati, OH, and Richard O. Bass Sr., Birmingham, AL; The United Methodist Bishops Lawson and

Melvin G. Talbert, San Francisco and AME Bishop Frederick H. Talbot, Frederikstad, Virgin Islands.

Rev. Joseph McKinney, secretary of the AME Church headquarters in Washington, DC, referred questions about the proposed merger to Second Episcopal Bishop Harford Brooks, who was away at a conference. McKinney said the denominations had been discussing consolidation of the churches for several years "but I don't think it will happen anytime soon." Willis explained that the merger of bodies began to occur in 1979, but various denominations were also considering a "consolidation of protestant and non-protestant churches."

Meditation helps increase productivity and unlock full potential

by Connie Reynolds

Transcendental Meditation (TM) — a practice once thought to be the favorite pastime of mystics, weirdos and dreamers — may well emerge as the survival tool of the nineties for individuals coping in a world where technological progress has outdistanced human wisdom. Psychologists are reporting that the average state of mental health in our society is not normal, that far too many people are experiencing anxiety and acting out inappropriate anger and anxiety, frustration and depression. All directly linked to the pandemic of drugs and alcohol skyrocketing crime rate.

Although the ancient practice of TM only became available to the West in the late 1950s, hundreds of published research studies now identify it as a self-help technology guaranteed to alleviate the stresses of living in a world gone crazy.

Taking fifteen to twenty minutes

each morning and evening, let the mind quiet down to a deep state of rest — where it wide awake but without thought — results in a payoff of decreased stress and tension; increased intelligence, creativity and productivity; an improved sense of self-worth and well-being; and a dramatic reduction in the use of alcohol and drugs. Regular practice of TM also reduces disorders leading to cardiovascular disease, hypertension, cholesterol and hypertension. TM's wide-ranging effects on an individual's physical and mental health are accomplished through the refinement of the brain and nervous system.

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BILLBOARD

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

ORANGE—A night of Play Reading and Poetry Recitals By Poet & Playwright Kabu Davies and Tessa Onwume, with choreography by the students of Cleveland and Park Elementary Schools. Doors open 6 p.m. Library Auditorium. For information contact the Library.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

JERSEY CITY—Collage: Randal Roberts Paintings The Company Gallery. For information contact the Theater Gallery.

JERSEY CITY—“African Origins,” a film about Egypt. Student Union Building, room 311, 12 p.m. For further information call (201) 547-3205.

JERSEY CITY—Persemon Ensemble will perform. Margaret Williams Theatre Hepburn Hall, 8 p.m. Gen. Admission \$5; student, senior citizens, and group admission \$4. For further information call (201) 547-3161.

WEST ORANGE—Mime X Two performs “Vortex: The Imagination in Motion” at the Jewish Community Center, 2 p.m. in the 500-seat Maurice Levin Theater. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8. For further information call (201) 736-3200.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

NEWARK—Newark MediaWorks features Wuthering Heights early show 5:45 p.m., late show 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Gen. admission \$5, students and 16 and under \$3.50. For more information call (201) 645-6877.

NEW BRUNSWICK—T-3 Productions in Association with Newark MediaWorks presents Jove and Medusa. Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, 8 p.m. George 997, George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue. Senior citizens' and student rates available. For information call (908) 266-7469. Runs thru May 5.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

METUCHEN—Metuchen Edition YMCA presents Spring Dance, 7-10 p.m. \$3 per person. For more information call 908-785-9161.

CRAFORD—Gibson & Sullivan's “Peleus!” presented by the Savoy Singers Gibson & Sullivan Company at Union County Campus Theatre (1033 Springfield Avenue) 8 p.m. Tickets \$10/admission, \$13 for child under 12 half price. For information call 474-3098 9:30 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—Sterling Creations features “A Night of African Art” with book signing by Featured artist James Ramsdale. Saturday, April 20, Sunday, Nov. 7, 3rd West 8th Street. For more information call 908-668-7722.

WAYNE—Soularia park with works by David Smith, Alexander Calder and Mark D. Sauer. Rain Date May 4. For information call 201-595-2654.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

WEST ORANGE—The Carolyn Dance Company will present “The Magic of Dance” at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan New Jersey, 2 p.m. Members \$5, non members \$6. For further information call (201) 538-3200.

CRAFORD—Gibson & Sullivan's “Peleus!” presented by the Savoy Singers Gibson & Sullivan Company at Union County Campus Theatre (1033 Springfield Avenue) 3 p.m. Tickets \$10/admission, \$13 at the door, children under 12 half price. For information call 474-3098.

PLAINFIELD—Sterling Creations features an African-American Art Exhibit with special book signing by Featured artist James Ramsdale. Saturday, April 20, Sunday, Nov. 7, 3rd West 8th Street. For more information call 908-668-7722.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

EAST ORANGE—Robert Page to be Guest Artist at Ursula College Choral Festival. For more information call 201-266-7164.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

JERSEY CITY—JCCS Orchestra will perform. Margaret Williams Theatre Hepburn Hall, 3 p.m. Gen. Admission \$8; student, senior citizens, and group admission \$4. For further information call (201) 547-3151.

PLAINFIELD—African-American Art Exhibition and Sale and a special signing by artist James Ransome at Sterling Creations, 3rd West 8th Street. Information call (908) 668-7722.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College exhibits recent paintings of Colleen Randell. The County Gallery, 1033 Springfield Avenue, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission free. For more information call 201-547-3441.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents Mozart: Don Giovanni at the Presbyterian Church. For information call 201-232-9400.

A Talented Threesome

NEW YORK—Ntonzake Shange, left, author of the highly acclaimed *For Colored Girls...*, performs in the new poetic, music, dance and theatrical work, *A Sense of Breath*, during its first debut at the Whitney Museum of Art at Philip Morris. With Shange are collaborators and fellow performers, choreographer/dancer, Mickey Davidson and vocals/composer, Jeannie Lee. The original work opened both the branch Museum's "Performance on 42nd Street," Spring 1989, and the re-interpretation of "The New Venture" in American Studies," the fifth Annual Festival of Women performers. Shange is currently a writer in residence at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. Her upcoming projects include the presentation of her adaptation (with Emily Mann and Dakota Carroll) of *Bessie Brown: A Rhythm and Blues Musical*, at McCarter Theatre. A collection of her poetry, *The Love Space Demands*, is scheduled for publication in the spring of 1991.

Chicago Dance Theatre comes to Newark

NEWARK—The Joseph Holmes Chicago Dance Theatre will make its Newark debut on Friday, April 26 at 8 p.m. in the Second Floor Theatre of Newark Symphony Hall, 1029 Broad Street, as part of the current “Best of American Dance” series.

It was founded in 1974 by Holmes, an alumnus of the Alvin Ailey and Harlem Ballet companies, in his home town of the company's title. Homes, who died in 1986, created many of the company's dances along with his successor, Randy Duncan. Described as “exhilarating” and “exuberant,” the troupe consistently bring audiences to its feet with its brand of modern jazz, athletic intensity, engaging performances, and “whole-worlding” choreography. The “Best of American Dance Series” is the creation of Leon Denmark, Executive Director of Newark Symphony Hall, to familiarize the Newark area with nationally recognized companies.

The Chicago company has an extensive national and international touring roster and last year made debut performances in New York City, Washington, D.C., Denver, West Palm Beach and a tour of Mexico. The dancers include Ariana Alvarez, Winifred Haun, Cynthia Bowen, Kim McNaughton, Carolyn Davis, Patrick Mallonay, Arlene Dolan, Tabatha Russell, Keith Elliott, Cuthildah Suarez and Roger Turner in its multi-ethnic roster.

The Newark program will include: “Bittersweet” Av with choreography by Randy Duncan to the music of Ira Antelia, The Nylons, and Tangerine Dream; “He and She,” choreography by Joseph Holmes, music by Pat Metheny and Earl Klugh; “Copland Moets,” Duncan's choreography to Aaron Copland's music; “Women's Work” by Duncan; “Toward the Sun” and “Arasha” danced to the music of Aretha Franklin, created by both Holmes and Duncan in 1983.

Tickets for Joseph Holmes Chicago Dance Theatre are \$15.00 and may be ordered and bought at The Hall Box Office, 1030 Broad Street, Newark; 201-643-8009. Tickets may also be charged through TicketMaster: 201-507-8900.

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MARY WELLS ON THE MEND

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Rough Times For Female Rappers: Hard core, rough, Takin' no stuff stories of life in the street and a whole lota macho posturing and bragging are some of the things that give rap music its fire. Those same things make rap music a man's world. Early on Roxanne Shante broke through the barricade. And then Salt n Pepa, MC Lyte, Queen Latifah and Monie Love to name a few followed. But the overall picture hasn't changed too much. On Valentine's Day, some of the biggest and newest female rappers (including MC Lyte, MC Trouble and Queen Latifah) got together in LA for a Black Women in Rap Concert. By all accounts the show was great, but they were hardly anyone to see. The arena wasn't even half full. Part of the reason was poor promotion. Beyond that, people didn't come because lady rappers aren't considered hard core by men who tend to be rap's biggest supporters. And more than one woman had turned a deaf ear to rap because too much of it disses them. Lady rappers say they've got to turn that whole situation around. Another thing women say is that men don't want them to succeed. It's almost as if they want to keep rap all to themselves. MC Lyte, who's considered to be hardcore, scored big with “Capuccino” and “Chi Cha Cha” off her “Eyes On This” album. That success earned her headliner status, something she says more than one male rapper hasn't liked. “Sometimes it's rough,” she says, “but I'm ready for the rough times.” The b-word along with the way men dis women on record is a big issue for female rappers. “It's like this,” Ice Cube says, “the title ‘bitch’ doesn't apply to all women, but all women have a little bitch in them.” No one advocates censorship, and not even all of the ladies are offended, but it's hard to dispute that the picture painted by many men is an ugly one. A lot of women feel that kind of talk brings rap down and brings black men and women down too. Then there's the violence. NWA's Dr. Dre has been involved in two public fights. In one he choked singer Michèle off in a LA nightclub, and in the other, he physically assaulted syndicated TV hostess, Dee Barnes (of “Pump It Up”). Recently, Public Enemy member Flavor Flav was arrested after punching his girlfriend in the face. The boundaries of rap are being stretched everyday. Things like that shouldn't be displayed. A lot of kids are looking up to us,” says Queen Latifah. A big change is eventually going to come and women will be at the front of it. And you can bet rap will be even better because of it....**From the P&T People, Places & Things File:** Late Michael Jackson's lawyers have been working overtime to sink their teeth into an unauthorized biography written by J. Randy Taraborrelli, the man who wrote “Call Her Miss Ross.” The book is due out later this month and it's supposedly got some scandalous revelations in it about Michael's sex life, or lack of sex life, and many other things the superstar would like to keep private....The highly-touted NBC series, “The Fresh Prince of Bel Air” never did live up to all the hype that surrounded its debut. It didn't bomb, but it's not at the top of most people's viewing list either. That apparently doesn't matter to NBC because they've got plans to spinoff from the “Fresh Prince” a new series called “Homeboy.” Don Cheadle, who co-starred in the movie “Hamburger Hill,” nabbed “Homeboy’s” starring role as a hip cop grad trying to make it in the business world on his “own terms.” The show is produced by Quincy Jones along with Andi and Susan Borowitz, the masterminds behind “Fresh Prince”....Last year, 60's soul singer Mary Wells popped back into the headlines when it was discovered she was suffering from throat cancer and financially destitute. An outpouring of support generated funds enough to help pay medical expenses. And now there's even some good news for Wells. It appears the radiation therapy that she underwent has been a complete success. As far as her ability to sing, “it's still not downtown, and it won't be known for several months,” says Joyce McCrea, who heads the Rhythm & Blues Foundation....**Feedback Line:** What's on your mind? Well, Bellinda Jackson of Las Vegas says that Whitney's latest album is a fable. Says Jackson, “she's setting women up to be suckers again, and who is she going to marry? If it's Eddie Murphy, she's a sucker, because he's not twelve kids.” Well, we can't answer that, but according to our records, Eddie Murphy's got just two children....**Got a question or a**

CITY LIFE**Chaison Dance theatre continues the dream at Essex County College**

NEWARK—The William Chaison Dance Theatre is New Jersey's multi-ethnic contemporary dance theatre company. The nine member company was founded by the late choreographer and teacher William Chaison, who began his career as the first African-American dancer with the Houston Jazz Ballet and later went on to dance with and choreograph for the Alvin Ailey Dance Company in New York. Chaison's association with Kean College of New Jersey, which he was professor of dance education from 1977 to 1989, makes possible a permanent residence for the company at the New Jersey state college.

Combining Chaison's Horton and Limon-style modern dance with contemporary jazz, the company's repertoire is extensive. The nine member company, a truly diverse ethnic group, is a revelation of differences and physical variety shaped by cosmopolitan discipline.

Principle dancer and artistic director, Patricia Carter-Davis began her career as a student of Chaison's at Kean College and later earned a BFA at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

Carter-Davis is supported by eight regular company members, and three apprentices. The



dancers, who are of all races, received their training at the North Carolina School of The Arts, Juilliard Performing Arts College and The Alvin Ailey School in New York.

Working together the company continues to bring life to William Chaison's dream of a

multi-ethnic, multi-disciplinary ensemble that reflects not the many facets of the arts, but the many faces of humanity.

The company will perform on April 17, at 7 p.m. in the Mary Birch Theater, Essex County Community College, Newark. For ticket information call 877-3208.

Japanese culture shared during Library Week

NEWARK—The theme of this year's National Library Week celebration is “A Bridge to Understanding: Sharing Cultures of the Japanese People with the People of Newark.” The programs scheduled by The Newark Public Library for the week of April 20 will focus on the culture of Japan, the subject of the 1990 International Festival, together with that of other Newark peoples.

A variety of programs are planned for the Main Library and all of the branch libraries. Performers and artists will demonstrate aspects of their culture, providing opportunities for the audience participation.

Carrying out the festival motif, the activities will include Japanese Origami, the traditional art of

folding paper into decorative objects; Japanese music played on the Koto, a six-foot long, thirteen-stringed instrument, and a Shakuhachi, a traditional bamboo flute originally martial arts.

In various libraries, these activities will be offered together with Latino or Italian Folk Art, African crafts such as doll making, traditional Kente Cloth, traditional African Music, Latin American Folk Dancing. The performers and artists will use traditional instruments and costumes in demonstrating the cultural achievements.

“We think the people of Newark will be surprised and delighted to discover the uniqueness and the similarities between their culture and that of the Japanese, both of which will appear on National Library Week programs,” notes Dr. Alex Boyd, Library director. “We'll be one of the Library's major contributors to the contributions of our community. We hope, we also feel it is our mission to introduce the young people of Newark to the contributions of others around the world. This is our purpose in presenting International Festivals.”

The schedule for the week is as follows:

Branch Brook Park Library: 282 First Avenue, 733-8091 Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 a.m.

Crafts: Japanese & Italian Folk Art

Madison Branch Library: 790 Clinton Avenue, 733-8091

Tuesday, April 23, 9:30 p.m.

Music: Japanese & African Capoeira

Mondays, 7 p.m. Kendo & African Capoeira Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Concert: Japanese & African Music

Main Library: 5 Washington St., 733-7797

Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m.

Folk Tales: Japanese & Latino Storytellers

Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m.

Crafts: Origami & African Tie-Dye

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Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m.

Concert: Japanese & African Dance

Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m.

Concert: Japanese & African Drummers

Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m.

Springfield Branch Library: 50 Hayes Street, 733-7736

Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m.

Crafts: Origami & African Adinkra

Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m.

Music: Japanese & African Capoeira

Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m.

Valley Brook Branch Library: 75 Alexander Street, 733-7748

Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m.

Marital Arts: Kendo and African Capoeira

Thursday, April 25, 3:30 p.m.

Concert: Origami & African Adinkra

Thursday, April 25, 3:30 p.m.

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CITY BUSINESS

BUSINESS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

NEWARK—The Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration are cosponsoring a "Matchmaker" trade mission to Hong Kong and Singapore to help American companies to market new opportunities abroad. For information call Herb Austin at the SBA 201-645-6064 or Yvonne Jackson 201-377-2675.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

ELIZABETH—New Jersey Association Of Black Housing Administrators annual Awards Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Hotel, For information call 545-9430.

JERSEY CITY—Workshop to help small businesses determine their export potential, sponsored by the SBA and the NJSBDC, New Jersey Small Business Development Center, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For information call 201-795-6166.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

PARSIPPANY—North Jersey Business Show at the Aspen Hotel through the 2nd will provide attendees with resources to prosper in today's economy. For information call 201-837-8200.

Business Exchange...

by William Reed

(NNPA)—Usually, black folk trying to do business is like white people trying to dance. Not because they waste more energy than others, but because most white's just have no sense of rhythm or spontaneous movement. A few exceptional white's like Vanilla Ice are funky enough to do the "hip hop" and New Jack Swing well. Likewise, a few exceptional black's such as John H. Johnson of Ebony fame, Joshua Smith who heads Maxima Corporation and A.G. Gaston of black insurance and real estate fame can do the Mo' Money Dance as well as any head of a Fortune 500 company.

Since the end of formal segregation most blacks don't even try to dance like the Yankee Peddlers. They from the beginning of the American system of commerce, exceptional black business people have had a long and rich history. Exceptional black people have always passed up "jobs" to face the insurmountable odds required to provide goods and services in the free enterprise system. With their vision and rugged determination to succeed against the odds, exceptional blacks have

made significant contributions to the economy of our communities, and the nation. From the black proprietors who were merchants, shoemakers, sailmakers, tailors, caterers and manufacturers in the early days of the 1700's up to the present-day entrepreneurs, blacks have had to be inventive and resourceful in the way in which, they've entered, and stayed, in business. Like the white people who made, and did, "dirty dancing," a few exceptional black people have used their persistence, vision and sense of purpose to explore new frontiers and meet the challenges of the commerce.

In contrast to the exceptional ones of us who can dance with any "wol" of industry, most of Black America has a tin ear in trying to come to today's economic pulse. We can't dance to the tune because we don't know how to apply the rhythms and concepts of capitalism. With our myopic attention to politics and petitions for government assistance, most of us miss the fact that the buying and selling of commodities and services between us is the key to communal wealth building. The Pied Piper's melody for black business and enterprise goes out of tune when it comes time for internal trade and patronage. When most black go to the Consumer Bank, they neglect to begin and the "no" will be the ones who hang-on."

More blacks need to note the economic and social impact that their own trade and commerce can make on their economy and development. The exceptional blacks in business can dance to the American tune because they had the ability and tenacity to hold onto their dreams. Black business giants such as A.G. Gaston, Madame C.J. Walker and John Johnson had the vision and skill to start companies from scratch and develop them into multi-million dollar enterprises. Their vision included developing products and services that a broad

Mayors speak

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his remarks.

In October of 1990, the Census Bureau estimated that there were 25.34 million people living in the United States. In the final 1990 Census figures, the Bureau reported that there were 248.7 million United States residents. Mayor Diskin said, "In the coming weeks and months, the Department of Commerce must decide whether to issue statistically corrected 1990 Census figures, or to allow an undercount of historic and disastrous proportions. Today, the urgency of our case is underscored by the inclusion of ten new plaintiffs and, together, we will continue to urge the Census Bureau to choose accuracy over expediency to acknowledge the flaws in the census data and the emergency this represents for urban America." Commenting further, Mayor Brown said, "To me the census is obviously wrong when I simply apply my everyday rule of thumb which is — there are more babies in our clinic than ever, more people on welfare than ever, more pupils in class than ever, more crimes than ever — so how is it possible that less people are producing more problems than ever before. It is highly unlikely that Orange County is as populated as it was in 1980. The various variants contested in various areas of the town clearly established that our apartment buildings are full and people constantly complain about the unavailability of housing. Clearly this is the sign of a town busting at the seams not a town that went on a diet and lost a considerable amount of weight."

Originally filed in 1988, the lawsuit sought to reverse a Department of Commerce decision to correct the 1990 Census results resulting in a portion of part of the lawsuit in 1989. The two parties agreed to take all of the steps necessary for a statistical correction and to reconsider its decision on correcting the census count. Under that settlement, the Department must announce its decision by no later than July 15, 1991. If the Department decides against a correction, the plaintiffs

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range of our people use and need. Products and services such as hair care products, publications and communications facilities, insurance, and hotels for people of color made Gaston, Walker and Johnson full partners in the Dance of American Capitalism. Instead of focusing on civil rights advocates, politicians and preachers among us, leaders blacks would do well

to make black business leaders the people to dance with.

For more of us to be in step with the tune of capitalism and its wealth, now and daring black risk takers will have to take the floor and move to fill the void huge that exists in Black American Commerce. The exceptional blacks in business will gladly "reach out to teach us" about the

Business In The Black...

Where Is The Money?

by Charles E. Belle

(NNPA)—Wherever there is a chance to get some cash, people will congregate. Conferences are critical places to make contacts, especially if you need cash for a business project. People from around the world worked their way to the 2nd Annual Pacific Rim Real Estate Conference held in San Francisco April 11-13. No one was surprised that a sack of money men from all over Asia were ready, willing and able to invest in various projects in the USA. It was the type of project and anticipated return that turned the troop of US developers and deal makers off.

Keynote speaker, author, and entertaining economist, Paul Erdman easily explained the whereabouts of excess world capital — the Pacific Rim: Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea and Singapore. The USA is not quite a sin like in America. The European Common Market will work with former communist nations to develop a single large free marketplace, but have no excess funds for the North American market. Modern America and Canada are chock full of consumers. Colored countries like Africa and Asia (Red China, Bangladesh, India, Nams etc.) simply do not have enough capi-

tal for their own nations, much less excess to export.

And excess capital is needed desperately to deliver the US commercial real estate industry out of its doldrums. In fact, in "Emerging Trends in Real Estate: 1991," the respected annual forecast issued by Real Estate Research Corp., a national advisory, consulting and valuation firm, sponsored by Equitable Real Estate Investment Management, Inc., New York, there appears to be a lot of bad whiskey in the barrel. With yields on real estate investments declining or at best remaining flat, the short term looks very dark. Especially considering Pacific Rim investors are seeking returns of 30% of their invested equity. Everything not producing that kind of profit will no doubt be adjusted downward, causing fewer property sales.

Since real estate profit potential is a bit difficult to make during a US recession, few new development projects will seek foreign financing. Finally, "Emerging Trends," points out that real estate is weak all over the country and every property type except industrial real estate is overbuilt. Only "work-out deals" where one is willing to sell exceedingly low to save face will get done in the near future. Finding "trophy properties" in the leading cities

like Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington, DC, Dallas, San Diego and Houston is still the hope of most Japanese investors. Incidentally, a golf course would not hurt to lure them there, since it costs a cool million bucks or more for membership in most Japanese country clubs.

Conscious of the sophistication of the real estate crowd at the conference was that it would take two-to-five years to work off the excess commercial and hotel real estate already built in the United States. Start changing hotels into apartments building was the best idea of one panelist. Please if you must buy something, "buy existing," not new developments, stated a Stanford University lawyer, who is a lawyer-developer and raised about \$100 million a billion bucks a year for each of the past three years from the Japanese. However, the flow has halted due to the heavy amount of overbuilding in the US. Nevertheless, no one left the Pacific Rim Conference without convincing one or more interested investors in one of their projects. Because not only were the Pacific investors there — they had too much money. After all, it is said, "Money is like muck, not good except it be spread."

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Pursuant to N.J.S. 40:44-9 et seq., Municipal Ward Law, the Newark Ward Commissioners are required to adjust the ward boundaries for the City of Newark.

The Newark Ward Commission will be holding Open Public Meetings every Tuesday and Thursday in the month of April at 3:00 P.M. (with the exception of April 25th, 1991.) in Room 411 of the Hall of Records, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

The Public is invited to submit proposals for the above to the Commission prior to April 23rd, 1991. Please mail or deliver to Newark Ward Commission, c/o Essex County Board of Elections, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Newark, New Jersey 07102.

Commissioner Laurie Clark, Chairperson
Commissioner Carmine Granato
Commissioner Eleanor Lemaldi
Commissioner Robert P. Marasco
Commissioner Patricia Sebold

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT administers the Urban Mass Transportation Administration's Section 16(b)(2) Program in the State of New Jersey. The goal of the Section 16(b)(2) Program in the State of New Jersey is to provide capital assistance in meeting the transportation needs of senior and disabled persons where public transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT is now accepting applications from private non-profit organizations who wish to apply for a vehicle to transport senior and/or disabled residents within their community under this grant program. It is the intention to submit a one year 1991 grant application to the federal government in the spring of \$1,062,920.

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT encourages minority based organizations to apply for equipment under the Section 16(b)(2) Program. These private non-profit organizations wishing to receive an application can request an application by writing:

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT
Office of Special Services
P.O. Box 10009
Newark, New Jersey 07101
Attn: Bob Koska

Eligible organizations may request an application by telephone by calling (201) 643-4842.

The closing date for New Jersey Transit to accept applications is April 19, 1991.

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CITY SPORTS

Weequahic Indians right on track!

by Monty Dickerson

NEWARK — Our Weequahic Boys' and Girls' track teams had a vigorous indoor track season. They answered all calls of competition wherever they competed and were "right on track."

The Indians' girls picked off the season by winning the first meet at the Queen of Peace, Polarbear meet. They won almost every event on that cold and rainy day.

In the mountains of New York State, at West Point Military Academy, Regina Tower won the 55-meter dash and placed second in the 300 meters. The 2-mile relay team placed fifth for the Bronze Medal and the "A" and "B" teams of the 800 meter relay teams placed second and fourth, respectively; after a brief encounter with some of the New York team.

Well, how was the conference championship? We disregarded those other schools? Why? In track and field your team is measured by the time you run, not the track meets you win and Weequahic placed third in the conference championships.

Continuing to answer the call of duty, the boys' 1-mile relay team ran the second fastest time in that event to qualify to run at the Meadowlands. On the night of

the Meadowlands relay, one of our runners fell in the third turn, got up, and still finished the race in a respectable time of 3-minutes and 30 seconds.

Ridgefield High School invited the track team to set their track on fire. The girls won the 55 meters, the 55-meter high hurdles and the 300 meters. The boys won the sophomore 55-meter dash, second in the 600 meters and second in the 300 meters and won the 1-mile relay.

Time to fight? Yes, it was Essex County Individual Track Meet was a dual between Weequahic and East Side again. Jermaine Thompson was fourth in the 55-meter dash; Dimitri Hart was second in the 400 meters; Keith Barker was third in the 400 meters; and Ali Roberts placed fifth. Bishara Abdal-Hamid was third in the 800 meters, and the 1-mile relay team walked away with another victory in that event.

Regina Trotter won the 35-meter dash and the 400-meter dash. Sabrina Kennedy was second in the 55-meter hurdles. The girls were second in the 1-mile relay.

Again, "right on track" at the Meet of Champions, Regina Trotter was declared the best in the State in the 55-meter dash and second in the 400 meters. Keith Barker was sixth in the 400-meter dash. The girls' 1-mile relay re-

ceived a fourth place. Again, the boys won their 1-mile relay and stated their claim to the best in the 1-mile relay team in the state!

The Essex Track Meet is one of the biggest and most popular on the Eastern coast. The boys' 800-meter relay team was second with Jermaine Thompson, Drayton Denson, Keith Barker and Ali Roberts.

The 1-mile relay was third with Eddie Green, Bishara Abdal-Hamid, Dexter Barker and Dimitri Hart.

The freshman team was also "right on track" and won every track meet that was entered on a relay basis and individual basis.

The staff congratulates all of the team and their coaches; Head Boys' Coach Mr. McNamee, Head Boys' Coach Mr. Carter, Mr. Angelo Clark, Varsity Team members: Bishara Abdal-Hamid, Dimitri Hart, Eddie Green, Dexter Barker, Jermaine Thompson, Drayton Denson, Keith Barker, Ali Roberts, Osmon Brinkley, Johnny Jordan, Nacem Reynolds, and Jihad Sharieff.

The Girls' Team: Regina Trotter, Sabrina Kennedy, Monique Cooper, Cecilia Clinton, Kika Walker and Arnestis Foucha.

The Freshman Team: Rashon Shanks, Kokia Shanks, Julian Hines, Orrville Chauhan, M. Clements, Malik Jarrell and Heron Davis.

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